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Razzamataz Kids' Shows welcomed Kattam and his Tam Tams to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 11. The interactive performer from Quebec incorporated African rap, desert dance, trance sufi rhythm and Bollywood dance, creating an incredible multicultural adventure for the audience. /TIM YANO staff photographer

Rural communities hit hardest by proposed Bill 5

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

While Canada battles it out between Donald Trump and Mark Carney, the Premier of Ontario has been quietly plotting in the background.

Conservative Premier Doug Ford has put forward Bill 5 - an amendment to the current Endangered Species Act, which has been in place since 2007.

If passed, the act would be revised to the Species Conservation Act, with intentions to "revoke various regulations in relation to development and to procurement," according to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Some of the major changes to this act would include amendments to the definition of "habitat", and a new delegation of powers and duties under the act. Under the guise of streamlining economic prosperity, the change in environmental protection could be devastating - particularly to rural communities.

Clara Lynas fell in love with the

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ACM Designs named Renovator of the Year

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

At any given time, ACM Designs has around 25 projects going on. These projects range from residential homes, to cottages, and to commercial spaces. From consultation, to full designs, and execution, ACM always has something going on.

"Primarily, our clients are not residents," said Andria Cowan Molyneaux. "With many of our clients, this is their second property. We depend very heavily on the lake associations to get in front of property owners to promote ourselves."

At this year's Peterborough and the Kawartha's Home Builders' Association (PKHBA), ACM Designs took home 11 awards, including the coveted Renovator of the Year. Some of the other awards they earned included the Any Room category, Renovations under $200,000, and Bathroom $30,000 and under.

"PKHBA was thrilled to celebrate our members at the 22nd Annual Housing Design Awards Gala on April 24. The annual event showcases the best in design, innovation, and building for residential construction in the Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton, and Northumberland Areas," said Rob Hatfield, PKHBA Board Chair. "The 2025 event had a record number of submissions for categories ranging from best design, custom-built home, kitchen, renovation, marketing, and more. PKHBA looks forward to this event each year as a way to honour the hard work of our members and to recognize how quality housing supports the overall well-being of our communities."

"We are leaders in interior design for renovation and our specific focus on aging in place design," said Cowan Molyneaux.

With this type of design, spaces are developed to accommodate all bodies, regardless of their level of ability. Residential designs are flexible and adaptable in use. Aging in place design may include blocking for future grab bars and lighting to aid with circadian rhythm treatment for those with dementia.

For many secondary properties like cottages, the space can be designed with intergenerational use in mind. Anyone from toddlers to grandparents are able to access the space, says Cowan Molyneaux. Unlike a dinner party, guests may stay at a cottage for a week at a time, increasing the need to make all spaces accessible.

ACM Designs is entirely female owned and is an advocate for women in the trades.

"There's a stigma attached to the trades," said Cowan Molyneaux. "Then when you add the element of young women coming into a predominately male-dominated sector, where they don't see women represented in those positions, it can deter them from moving forward into that sector."

Through association with the Women in Trades Committees and Women in Residential Construction with the Canadian Homebuilders' Association, Cowan Molyneaux hopes to attract more women into the trades.

"We want to put a special emphasis on recruiting female-identifying candidates and saying that this is an open and diverse workplace. It can be very rewarding and it can be financially rewarding."

The Renovator of the Year Award means everything to Cowan Molyneaux.

"To even be qualified for this award, you need to be a RenoMark renovator with the Canadian Homebuilders' Association," said Cowan Molyneaux. "They have committed to an experience and a quality of product that is above basic expectations. To be in the program is extraordinary. To be a woman-owned business in that space is unique and I'm very proud of that, as well as the end product."

Cowan Molyneaux says peer-reviewed competition is highly validating. Judges consider the entire design process, from preliminary design to completed product. Winning is an assurance that they are doing the process right and are doing it well.

From plaid wallpaper to rough hewn beams, Cowan Molyneaux says that their product and services set them apart from other firms.

The best part of the project is when the client opens their eyes and sees the project for the first time, says Cowan Molyneaux.

"It is extraordinary," she said. "We are taking care of all the pieces and you are on that journey with them."

Businesses associated with the Homebuilders' Association are committed to giving the best final product to their clients. Projects from ACM Designs also include a contract and warranty.

"It is important for residents and home owners to know that when you are working with somebody associated with the Homebuilders' Association, you are working with a professional," said Cowan Molyneaux. "I'm very proud to be a member."

Until May 19, ACM Designs will be running a Bad Bunkie Makeover Contest. To enter, please send pictures, videos, or an explanation as to why your bunkie is deserving of a makeover valued up to $40,000. Submissions can be sent to the Bad Bunkie Makeover Facebook page or by emailing them to nicole@acm-designs.com.

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Bill 5 threatens already fragile ecosystems

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doors while growing up in the Haliburton Highlands. Now completing her Masters in Toronto, she found herself deeply immersed in the idiosyncrasies of Bill 5 upon its announcement last week. "This would have wide-reaching implications," she said, when she spoke with the *Echo*. "And we will see the effects of it quite quickly. It will be lethal."

With the redefinition of "habitat", the Ford government pinpoints the area of protection; limiting it to specific sites of endangered species, as opposed to their ecosystem as a whole. The proposed new definition would be: "a dwelling-place, such as a den, nest or other similar place, that is occupied or habitually occupied by one or more members of a species for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating."

Lynas noted that animals exist and thrive far beyond their site-specific areas for resting and breeding, and by terminating access to the surrounding environment, it could have a detrimental impact on the species.

Currently, there are over 230 species in Ontario that are on the endangered list. "Their loss or decline affects the functioning and resilience of food webs and landscapes – jeopardizing the well-being of all living beings, including humans," says the registered charity, Ontario Nature. "Now more than ever, the Government of Ontario needs to restore the Endangered Species Act to fulfil its original mandate, rather than considering it as a piece of 'red tape.'"

Species at risk locally include but are not limited to the Five-lined skink, snapping turtles, flying squirrels, the Eastern whip-poor-will, the Rusty blackbird, and the Evening grosbeak, to name a few. Often representing signs of spring to hear and see these animals return, they could be gone forever. At this point, there are 18 known species who have been entirely wiped out of the Ontario environment due to improper development and unwarranted expansion.

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Doug Ford is gutting Ontario's Endangered Species Act - risking mass habitat loss, unregulated mining, and irreversible damage. Indigenous, Rural, and Northern communities will be hit hardest. We are part of this ecosystem, we have a responsibility to our neighbours both human and more than human, each of them a universe.
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Leave a comment denouncing the repeal of the Endangered Species Act at the Environmental Registry of Ontario before May 17!
Contact your MPPs! They control the vote that would pass this bill into law, put the pressure on and keep it on!
Reach out to eveyone you know to do the same!

Lynas noted that the first impacted species when industrialization takes form are amphibians and insects, with their loss impacting the entire ecosystem chain, right up to humans. "We are all a part of the ecosystem," she said. "And we absolutely have a responsibility to our neighbours, whether they are humans or animals, we have a responsibility to them."

To voice concerns, Lynas shared that the most impactful path would be through local MPP, Laurie Scott. "We have to put pressure on our MPPs," she said. "They have to properly represent their constituents."

The bill has entered its second reading, accelerating the process significantly faster than what has been done in the past. The public has until May 17 to provide feedback on the bill, with public hearings on May 21 and May 26. It is estimated that the provincial government will attempt to pass Bill 5 in early June.

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Cookie campaign blows goal out of the water

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

"Guess how much was raised," said Christine Sharpe, when she excitedly sat down to chat with the *Echo* about the recent Smile campaign with Tim Hortons. "Just guess!"

The annual fundraising campaign runs for a single week each spring, and encourages sharing a little smile (or in this case, a chocolate chip cookie with a pink and blue icing face) with someone you care about. Proceeds from the campaign goes towards a select not-for-profit organization in the community.

This is the second year the Central Food Network (CFN) has been the organization of choice. The registered charity is largely based out of Highlands East, but has ties to all corners of the community through their food bank, tax clinics, and heat bank.

Last year, the Smile Cookie campaign racked up $9700 towards CFN. So when Sharpe asked us to guess this year's number, we naturally hovered around past predictions.

But this year, there was a jump.

In the best way possible.

Through marketing and social media, this year, the CFN topped $22,000. "People were buying boxes and boxes this year," said Sharpe, who has sat on the CFN board for the past three years. "They would take the boxes and give them away to people they appreciated."

Both the Haliburton and Minden Tim Hortons locations partook in the initiative, with each location bringing in around $11,000 each. Sharpe credits the community engagement for the success of the campaign. "A bigger social media presence definitely helped us this year," she said, noting the many businesses and individuals who posted on the media platforms to encourage others to purchase their cookies. "You really realize the importance of getting involved."

And speaking of jump, the Central Food Network is in the midst of their current campaign, the Jump in the Lake Challenge. "Unlike organized Polar Bear dips that happen in one central location, this exciting event takes place off each participant's dock or waterfront location of their choice," shared the CFN.

The challenge was originally started by Dean Michel and Jennifer Bacon in 2020, in an effort to create a pandemic-ridden socially-distanced get-together to raise money and awareness for CFN. Since 2020, over 100 participants and generous donors in this annual event have raised over $130,000 for their local community.

"This gives us hope," said Sharpe, who has become acutely aware of the needs of the community through both her work as a realtor, as well as her role with the CFN. "Sometimes it's pretty hard to keep faith in humanity. Everybody struggles. But I think the rallying around this program has made me really proud to live here."

The Central Food Network is currently seeking additional volunteers and board members. To get involved, visit www.centralfoodnetwork.org.

The annual Smile Cookie campaign through Tim Hortons had volunteers help out with decorating the sweet faces. The campaign raised funds for the Central Food Network. /photo submitted

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The County of Haliburton and its member Municipalities are implementing a Roadside Brush Collection Program to help residents deal with impacts of the recent ice storm.

Roadside brush collection will begin Monday, May 12th in the areas most heavily affected by the storm, *this includes the Township of Minden Hills, and designated areas of the Municipality of Highlands East, and the Municipality of Dysart et al..* The program will run until Friday, June 13th.

This program is available to properties that are currently on year-round, municipally maintained roads. To check eligibility, residents are encouraged to review the map and the collection schedule at the website below.

More Info:

Website: https://haliburtoncounty.ca/brushcollection

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Collection runs from May 12-June 13

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Haliburton Highlands

Township of Minden Hills

Haliburton Forest opens Canopy Tour for the season

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Forest Canopy Tour opens for the season on May 16. /FILE

On May 16, the Haliburton Forest will conduct their first Canopy Tour of the 2025 season.

Longtime visitors to Haliburton Forest may remember when the walk in the clouds was meant to challenge guests. Wobbling to and fro, the Canopy Tour was one of the first of its kind in Canada. After a tornado took out the initial walkway nearly 30 years ago, the walkway was transformed into a stable, elevated pathway in which guests can learn about trees and take in the views of the forest.

Haliburton Forest now has the world's longest canopy walkway, at around half a kilometre long.

The Canopy Tours are meant to be an informational and intimate experience, with 12 guests and two guides along for the journey.

After an ice breaker, your guide will explain the history of Haliburton Forest and the animals that live there. Guests will often have the pleasure of seeing deer, turkey, foxes, or bears along the drive into the hike.

Upon arriving at Peelaw Lake, guests will load into a voyageur-style canoe and paddle across the lake. No paddling experience is necessary and Tegan Legge, general manager of Forest experiences for Haliburton Forest assures that the canoe is highly stable.

After arriving at the other side of the lake, guests will hike up "Huff N' Puff Hill" along the river, viewing the rapids and a small waterfall.

During the hike, the guide will discuss interesting flora and fauna and maybe even a personal story or two. The tour changes throughout the season and every guide offers a unique flair to the adventure.

After the hike atop "Huff N' Puff Hill", guests will visit a training area and don their gear in preparation for climbing up the Canopy Talk.

"Safety and comfortability are our number one priority," said Legge.

After ascending to the canopy, two to three guests at a time will walk across the canopy, taking their time and snapping pictures along the way. Near the centre of the walkway, there is a dock platform for guests to group back together and listen to stories from the guide.

Across the canopy walkway, guests have the pleasure of viewing old growth white pines, birch trees, maples, and oaks. In the springtime, guests can often see a variety of birds including chickadees, nuthatches, brown creepers, and even a broad-winged hawk that nests sometimes in the area.

"The thing that makes it special is that there is nothing like this in the world," said Legge.

"It is a chance to slow down and take in your surroundings around you."

The canopy tours are recommended for everyone, but children must be 10 years of age and older. Many international guests book the canopy tours, as well as families, and couples. Legge says that they have even held a wedding ceremony on the Canopy Tour.

Haliburton Forest is also encouraging any school groups, senior groups, and adventure seekers to book a tour for their special event. Haliburton Forest is capable of customizing the experience to suit your group's needs.

The Canopy Tour experiences are around four hours in duration. They are open to everyone but visitors must be able to physically climb the hill and use the safety harnesses.

If you are interested in booking a canopy tour, please reserve your spot on their website at haliburtonforest.com or call them directly at 1-800-631-2198.

Haliburton Forest also offers a variety of other tourist activities including camping, astronomy presentations, fishing, canoeing, hiking, and clay shooting. It is highly recommended to make a day of visiting by eating at their Smokehouse, going on a hike along one of their trails, and visiting the wolves at the Wolf Centre.

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Editorial

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Good news week

I WAS CURIOUS about what would fill our papers during the cracks between news stories.

There are no elections, council meetings have been fairly status quo, local schools are in the preliminary stages of gearing up for a busy end of year bustle.

For the most part, we're in a community lull. The calm after the storm. Or before. Whichever way you look at it.

And suddenly, all the stories that have fallen into the shadows during the fluorescent light of elections have inched their way back to the main stage. And as I dove into the list for the week, I assumed the pace of the week would be slowed.

I was wrong. Each and every day slowly but surely filled up with events, experiences, and excitement.

This was a good news week. I had interviews about successful fundraisers, new art showcases, and happy businesses. The one story that got my gears grinding was tackling Bill 5 and Doug Ford's objective to wipe out endangered species.

But even that one came with a silver lining; the story was put on my plate by people who wanted to challenge Ford. People who see the good in protecting our world, in recognizing the interconnectedness of our ecosystems. People who want to make a difference not just for themselves, but right down to the teeny tiny organisms squirming around in our wetlands; each piece of the puzzle given equal care.

There is good in the world. Good people. Good stories. Good news.

And lately, I've seen so many people question how we got to this point. This place of hate and polarization and anger. It's easy to point fingers. To nudge our friends to the south, to pinpoint the whir of social media, to gesture to the pace of the world that we find ourselves tripping over.

But playing the blame game just keeps us in this cycle.

Every so often, we need a good news week. A palette cleanser.

I worry that many equate good news to boring news. Stories without grip and guts lack gusto and glory. I myself assumed that without politically charged news, the week would present itself with an unwavering ease.

But these good news stories - the ones of human connections and caring and contributions to the vibrancy of the place we call home - those are the blood that courses through our veins.

On a sunny Tuesday afternoon, I walked through the village of Haliburton. I saw locals setting up the route for the newly released downtown Sculpture Forest tour, adding vibrancy to our community core. I went into a cafe, where I knew every single face, and exchanged laughs and pleasantries with each one. I drank hot tea with volunteers who were over the moon about their most recent fundraising initiatives. Their efforts to give back. They were thrilled because they had earned so much, not for their own benefit, but for others, strangers, who may be in need.

This was all within an hour, on that sunny Tuesday afternoon.

There is good in the world. Good people. Good stories. Good news.

And sometimes, we all need to be reminded of that.

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Cloud nine

KATIE HAD just returned from school and was looking for something to eat when she found Carol in the kitchen. "Jeremy Smith held hands with me!" her excited voice announced.

Carol had her back to Katie when she heard these words. The family was taking in a concert that night and so Carol was doing an early prep for dinner. She looked at her daughter's face. The word excitement hardly covered what she saw. Katie was flushed, eyes glowing, hands restless. She obviously wanted to share more.

And Carol did not take lightly this desire to include mum in the news. She knew that in fact it was a bit unusual for a fourteen-year-old girl to want to share anything about her life with a parent. So when asked, she happily encouraged chats without judgment or advice.

Now seeing her mum's interest, Katie continued. She described Jeremy Smith as the most popular boy at school and Carol had heard his name numerous times. Apparently all the girls were entranced by his brown eyes and prowess with a basketball. But that day it was Katie he chose to walk home with and then, take her hand in a casual way. Katie said she tried to act cool. Her best friend Amanda saw the move so Katie knew all her friends would know about it by the next day.

While Katie described every detail of that walk home with Jeremy, Carol's mind wandered. For her at the same age, the big heart throb had been Richard O'Connor, the best-looking boy in Mr. Martin's home room. She remembered the near-hypnotic effect Richard had engendered on herself. Emotions run hot and heavy during puberty and Carol would never dismiss those feelings as anything but world-changing.

Now Katie couldn't wait to get to school the next day. She was hoping Jeremy might even wait for her on the corner. He had already asked her what time she usually walked though he had made no commitment to accompany her. Carol hoped her daughter would not be disappointed. As a parent she wanted to protect Katie from emotional as well as physical hurt while knowing that was impossible.

When Carol's dream-boat Richard had walked around the Grade 8 school yard with her, Carol had nearly fainted with joy. Besides really, really liking Richard, she felt like crowing when the other girls took notice. Carol's standing in the social pecking order took a big leap forward when she snagged time with Mr. Popularity.

Of course it didn't last. In no time it was on to the next conquest for this school Romeo. Unfortunately Carol had not realized she was merely a step along the way for the self-absorbed school boy. The pain of rejection, the humiliation, as she had seen it, had been raw. It had taken Carol months to recover.

She didn't want to see her daughter experience the same feelings but she knew it was out of her hands. No pain no gain were her thoughts as Katie continued on with a list of Jeremy's many fine attributes. Then Carol had a thought. "I can see you like this boy a lot," she said. "Before today, had you ever thought of making the first move rather than waiting for him to do it?"

Katie was appalled. Girls didn't do that. But Carol pushed a little. Rather than argue a feminist line, she wondered aloud why the idea that the girl could make the first move was so easily rejected. Katie struggled to find the words. Social norms in the world of fourteen-year-old females seemed to continue along the same lines as when Carol was that age.

Yet the world had moved on, as she explained to her daughter. There were women astronauts and female presidents. These would have been unheard-of when Carol's mother had been growing up. It was different in these modern times. But even as she said the words, Carol wondered if the world truly had changed. Maybe on the surface women had achieved so much in the past sixty-some years. But even now, a fourteen-year-old girl still found it impossible to make the first move with a boy she liked.

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steve galea

Loon Tales

A COUPLE OF weeks ago, Jenn and I moved. We transported all our worldly belongings from one house in the village of Haliburton to another house in the village of Haliburton. The differences between the two places are subtle. Our new place is bigger, has a bit more property, and a garage.

At first, I thought the garage was the best thing to come out of the move. But then, I realized that right next door to my new home office is an executive washroom.

Oh sure, it was not labeled on the real estate ad as an executive washroom. And Jenn did not immediately think of it as that either.

But what else would you call a place where you make all your executive decisions?

I'll be honest with you. In the past I haven't normally thought of myself as an executive. Several things were missing – an adequate level of compensation, respect from my co-workers, an assortment of ties, charts, and a highly efficient executive secretary who does all the work I take credit for. But mostly what was missing was an executive washroom. You can't truly call yourself an executive unless you have one.

Now, all that has changed.

Like most people, however, Jenn resisted change. She claimed that my executive washroom was in fact a "downstairs washroom."

So, I made my case as any executive would – by hiring consultants.

But Jenn could only listen to my fishing buddies for so long and left before they even had a chance to show her their artist's rendition of how the space would look. Which was a shame because it would have been the only washroom I know of decorated with taxidermy and a vanity that looks just like a big tackle box. Better still, the toilet looked just like the live well in a high-end bass boat.

After she shooed them off, I knew the deal was falling apart. That's why I decided to make the case myself, by putting on some executive charm and taking her out to a fancy lunch. And like any executive worth their salt, I expensed the meal – on her debit card.

Then when we got home, I really stepped up the charm offensive. By the way, "charm offensive" was her words not mine. She said, and I quote, "I find your 'charm' offensive."

Of course, it didn't stop there. After getting her a glass of wine, I made my case by using two charts, several memos, and the world's first hybrid between a bow tie and Windsor knot to make her consider my request for an executive washroom.

I'm not sure what convinced her. All I know is I had to interrupt my presentation to use the upstairs washroom because lunch was not sitting well with me and, when I returned, she insisted that I make the downstairs washroom my own.

For you kids out there, that's what you call salesmanship.

Now all I have to do is buy a good lock, a couple of keys, and a key chain that says, "Mr. Galea's Private Washroom."

Not to belabour the point, but I'll probably place a sign on the door too. Nothing too flashy – I don't want it to look tacky.

I know this might sound like I am bragging a little – I mean not everyone has a garage and an executive washroom. But any of you can do the same thing if you really want it – and who wouldn't?

All you need to do is make an executive decision.

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pic *of the* past

My father was a CNR Railway man. As a result, I rode trains between Haliburton and Lindsay "free." In 1943 to 1949, we were living in a CNR Company dwelling three miles south of Ghost Town Gelert! The house had been built by the Victoria Railway in 1878. As a teenager in 1947, I had summer work as a CNR section hand (maintenance-of-way). In November 1947, they had a project in Haliburton Railway yard. Three section crews – "Botting-Haliburton", "Smith-Gelert" and "Schrader-Lower Dutch Line"south of Gelert. We replaced all the 16 foot long switch ties in Haliburton yard - which was heavy work removing switch stands-switches etc. I was part of this group! In 1949-50, I trained in Telegraphy and Railroading at Kinmount and left the area in 1950 - working cities and towns across Ontario. Enough said. The CNR used to run a special passenger train out of Toronto to Haliburton on a Saturday - returning to Toronto on a Sunday night. We Railway people dubbed it "The Holy City". It was running fast, "at speed consistent with safety." All other trains were mixed trains. The mixed hauled freight cars - baggage and Express Car, mail car and a passenger coach. /FILE, photo and story by Jim Parker, June, 1958

letters to the editor

Thanks to Hydro teams

To the Editor,

We would like to publicly thank Hydro One employees, Parks Canada, municipal councillors and staff, and all the volunteers who assisted the community during the most recent emergency.

Kathy and Fraser Rogers
Minden

Apathy is boring

To the Editor,

Do an internet search for that title, Apathy Is Boring. You'll find a website that tries to educate youth 18 to 34 years of age about democracy. They claim youth 18 to 34 are 34 per cent of the voting public and the largest voting block in the population. But, here's a quote from a report written recently by Elections Canada: "The decline in youth voter turnout in Canadian federal elections was first observed following the 1984 federal general election. Since then, youth voter turnout remains lower than the turnout for all other age groups, despite intermittent increases in recent years."

So it seems that Apathy Is Boring has an important job to do to improve youth participation if democracy in Canada is to be revitalized.

Add the participation of youth in the democratic process to the problems that Andrew Coyne describes in his very recent book *The Crisis of Canadian Democracy* and you have a daunting list of problems.

Jim Milne
Haliburton

More letters to the Editor on page 8

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

Engaging in Democracy project moving ahead

The Township of Minden Hills welcomes the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Healthy Democracy Project

Speakers: Petra Wolfbeiss- Director, Membership Centre AMO, Henry Khamonde-Healthy Democracy Intern AMO

Wednesday, May 28, 6 to 8 p.m.

Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street, Minden

- Explore how you can create positive change in your community
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For more information contact Pam Sayne at 705-286-1260 Ext. 523.

Submitted

letters to the editor

Worried about Bill 5

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my dismay about Bill 5, called "Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act", which would give Premier Ford and his cabinet unprecedented power over our communities, including powers to dictate who is exempt from the law and who is not. If passed, Bill 5 would be a direct attack on healthy communities, good planning, clean air and water, species at risk and the rights of Indigenous people. This is another one of Ford's damaging proposals but this one is even more dangerous.

I believe that Ford was elected to stand up to Trump, not to copy his playbook. In a time when we are on high alert about protecting our democracy, our sovereignty, our clean water and air, our precious farmland and natural areas, this Bill flies in the face of all we hold dear. It must be strongly opposed. We have until May 17 to do that.

Schedule 9 of Bill 5 would enable the premier and cabinet to exempt from provincial, municipal law, even by-laws,

-Any person or company, for any purpose;

-Any portion of Ontario they choose, no matter whether a city or a commercial property or a cottage lot for any purpose;

-Any initiative or project they choose.

There is not enough room here to elaborate on the other damaging aspects of Schedule 9, or Schedule 7, which deals with Indigenous rights, or Schedule 10, which deals with endangered species and species conservation. The vast and sweeping proposed changes will move Ontario away from a science-based approach to protecting species at risk to one that relies on industry and developers' voluntary and discretionary approaches.

The public has until May 17 to comment on Bill 5. Please consider contacting our MPP, Laurie Scott, laurie.scott@pc.ola.org about this without delay.

Susan Hay, President, EH!

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Cremation foreshadows issues for Genealogy Group

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

There is a saying that people die twice. The first is when we stop breathing and the second time is when someone speaks your name for the last time.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group (HHGG) is keeping the memories of those buried in the Highlands and the surrounding areas alive and well.

Formed in 1990, the HHGG was created in response to the Ontario Genealogy Group's (now called Ontario Ancestors) call for assistance by local genealogy groups to form an index of headstones across Ontario.

For the executive members of the groups including Adele Espina, Deloris Bailey, Pat Thronett, Gail Leach-Wunker, Carol Simmons, and Deb Mansfield, each member's reason for joining the genealogy group was different.

For Bailey, she knew that she was a descendant of the Sawyer pioneer family. While working at Highland Crest, Gord Samells told her that she was related to his wife. After learning this, she became interested in genealogy and went to an HHGG meeting for more information. She has been a member ever since.

The members of the HHGG are whizzes at research. Whether it is combing through microfiche, analyzing tombstone plots, or tracing digital footprints, members of the HHGG live and breathe for genealogy.

"We have every book published about Haliburton County," said Espina. The HHGG research room also has space for local families to add to the group's research collection as well as a computer for members to use.

The Haliburton Highlands Geneaology Group has a research room at the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library available to its members. Membership is only $12 per year. /THOMAS SMITH staff

For Espina, her descendants were from Kinmount and she sought more information about them.

"Most people, prior to an interest in genealogy, you don't think a lot about your ancestors," said Espina. "But when you start seeing concrete examples of who they were, where they lived, what happened to them, and where they are buried, you become interested."

Every Tuesday of the month, the HHGG offers their Afternoon with Ancestors session. On the first and third Tuesdays of the month, Afternoon with Ancestors is located at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL). On the second and fourth Tuesday, it is offered at the Minden Hills branch of the HCPL.

The purpose of Afternoon with Ancestors is to assist visitors with their genealogical research. Many visitors have gaps in their knowledge of their family history. Using Ancestry.com and a plethora of other resources, there is a good chance that the members of the HHGG are able to uncover your heritage.

One of the HHGG's efforts is to regularly walk through all of the cemeteries throughout the local area and take photos of the gravestones. The photos are stored in their records. Every obituary published in the local newspapers are clipped and stored by volunteers.

The availability of information from obituaries is getting less and less, says Bailey. They have noticed an increase in people not including the name of their parents.

"I'm going to put an awful lot of information into my obituary," said Leach-Wunker with a laugh.

While unusual, some older gravestones even included the cause of death on the tombstone.

According to the Cremation Association of North America (CANA), over 70 per cent of remains were cremated in 2023. CANA estimates that will increase to 80 per cent by 2028.

With cremations on the rise, the HHGG is finding it increasingly difficult to add information to the records. Cremated remains often do not receive a headstone, leaving gaps in their gravesite plots.

Interestingly, nearly everyone at the meeting has cremated remains of a relative at home.

The HHGG is also planning on being present at the Gardens of Haliburton once a month to offer their services and provide enrichment to residents' lives.

Membership costs $12 for the entire year and includes access to Original Roots, the HHGG's newsletter and free queries on family history. There is a fee if queries require extensive research.

Currently, the HHGG has around 90 members and they are looking for more to join them.

The group meets regularly with special guest speakers every month. The HHGG meets on the third Tuesday of April, May, June, September, and October at the St. Paul's Anglican Church Parish Hall in Minden.

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Stories and songs with Barbra Lica

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Barbra Lica will be coming to Haliburton at the end of May, to dazzle locals with songs and storytelling. /photo submitted

According to her Instagram, Barbra Lica is a consumer of tacos and cake in equal measure.

She's also a Juno-nominated singer-songwriter, and a collector of stories. "My songs are just vessels for my stories," laughed the Toronto-born musician, who is coming to Haliburton on May 31.

Lica is hot off a tour across the United States, with stops in Las Vegas, California, Washington, and Oregon, to name a few. "It's always a good time," she shared when she sat down with the *Echo* last week. "It's great on tour. I get to find people who relate to my weird stories." She's also performed at jazz festivals in Haiti, Montreal, and Tokyo recently, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

With a background in jazz music and an avid explorer of all genres, including classical, folk, and rock, Lica has found ways to intrinsically weave storytelling into her songs. "I listen to a lot of music and I have a lot of stories," she chuckled. And while some stories share the universal depth of heartbreak and new love, others are snappy quips, personal anecdotes, or even an ode to "how much I love my kid," she shared.

Lica was born and raised in Toronto, with her love of music quite literally flowing through her veins. Her mother was a professional violinist from Romania, and her father was a professional pianist from the former Soviet Union. The two met while playing in bands in Toronto, and raised their daughter in a home that constantly played Ella Fitzgerald, Louie Armstrong, and Doris Day.

When it came time to fly the coop and embark on post-secondary education, Lica was granted a scholarship to Dalhousie University to study microbiology. "And my parents got really mad," she laughed. Her whole life, they had strongly encouraged her to follow her heart, and embrace her musical roots. She ended up staying in Toronto, with a split major in human biology and jazz performance. "But for me, it's music all day long," she chimed.

When Lica isn't on tour, she's creating music for commercials, supporting other artists, or working on her own albums. She currently has two on the go - in entirely different styles and genres - that she is chipping away at.

When she comes to Haliburton, Lica will be alongside her five-piece band, who she has played with for over a decade. "They all have stories too," she said. "And it's fun to be on tour with some of my best friends."

The full evening of songs, storytelling, and just the right amount of sparkle will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 31. Tickets are available through the Folk Society at www.haliburtonfolk.com.

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Sculptures flock to Haliburton

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Downtown Haliburton just got a little bit brighter. Since 2018, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest has partnered with the Haliburton BIA to bring a series of sculptures throughout the village. "It's a wonderful collaboration," said Sculpture Forest curator Jim Blake, who shared that the nearby town of Fenelon Falls has recently started providing the same offering.

With seven new sculptures displayed over the summer months downtown, the idea is to showcase a variety of artists and mediums, while encouraging locals and visitors alike to explore the Sculpture Forest - one of the biggest tourism drivers for Haliburton County.

Blake explained that the process for selecting this year's artists was through a jury, who were thrilled with the applications they received. Each sculpture has a story, a message, and a level of depth individually interpreted by the viewer.

At the official public unveiling and walking tour for the new sculptures on May 7, the artists, sponsors, and community members joined together at the Rail's End Gallery prior to the tour. "For the past two years, during this opening, it has absolutely poured rain," laughed Blake. "So we thought we could take it indoors this year."

The opening was a chance to hear from each individual artist about the process and themes that went into their creations.

The first artist featured was Garrett Gilbert, a Durham-based artist who has a carved canoe propped on the side of the Rail's End Gallery. Gilbert shared that he refers to himself as a "carver of unnatural resources." He utilizes steel, tin, and metals, which he uses to carve hyper-specific foliage into. For Gilbert, it's the contrast between the usage of an industrial piece as a canvas for foliage that tells the story. His piece in the show is titled 'Botanical Canoe.'

Mark Puigmarti explains his piece, which sits outside the Wind in the Willows Spa in downtown Haliburton. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

The second artist was Danielle Reddick, who is based out of Prince Edward County. Reddick created a piece titled 'Bronze Sky Pods', that sits on the corner of Highland Street and York Street. Reddick identifies as a multi-media artist, and shared that she is constantly "driven by learning more." The bronze and stainless steel piece was designed to reflect nature, and the organic movement that exists in the natural world.

'Unity Undeniable' was the next piece discussed, created by Mark Puigmarti, who has returned for his fourth year with the Sculpture Forest public showcase. Puigmarti is a blacksmith, who works in forged and fabricated stainless steel. With his most recent piece, Puigmarti shared that his inspiration came from a newly-found sense of nationalism. He shared that the political tension in the States has made him seek an outlet for expression. "Along with most Canadians, I felt a remarkable national bonding," he said. "It left me with a bewildered feeling, followed by a unity to defend and support one another."

The piece is a variety of Canadian animal features melded together, including a Canada Goose, a blue heron, a moose, and a beaver. The sculpture can be seen outside the Wind in the Willows Spa.

Following in-line with the Canadian theme, 'Geese Please' was created by Kim Collins, using recycled outdoor materials. Seen outside Glecoff's, the wacky and whimsical rainbow goose was made out of a scrapped tent cover that Collins was debating how to part with. She explored the irony of scrapping outdoor gear; the items used to explore the great outdoors, being used to detrimentally pollute it.

'Friends' by Marlene Kawalez is on Highland Street, near the exit of Foodland. "It was only a few years ago that I started calling myself an artist," shared Kawalez. She noted that in her creative journey, she began to explore the depth of reality in the world; often showcasing sadness and history, which often felt incredibly heart-wrenching.

With the creation of 'Friends', Kawalez went outside her comfort zone. "It's just simple purity," she said. "It's a piece of nature and mankind. And it would be wonderful if we were all friends."

Visitors will now note a flash of turquoise outside the Bank of Montreal on Highland Street. The eye-catching piece

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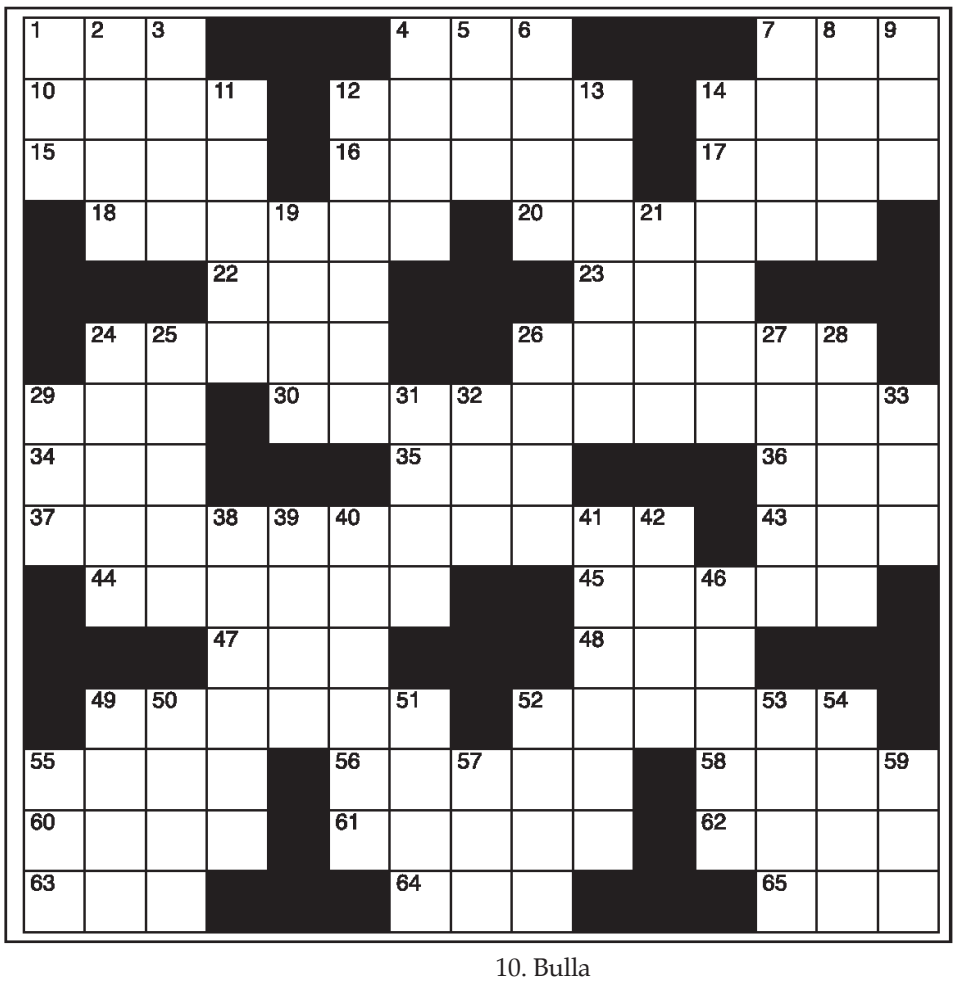

1. Swiss river
4. A high mountain
7. Woman (French)
10. Bulla
12. Killer whales
14. Afrikaans
15. Picasso's mistress
16. Father (Spanish)
17. Covered with frost
18. Makes joyful
20. A large fleet
22. Cannon
23. An informal debt instrument
24. Refrain from harming
26. Las _____: Canary port
29. Dekalitre
30. Checkered flower
34. ___ Lilly, drug company
35. E. central English river
36. Rip off
37. Retractable keel
43. Mandela's party
44. The body's immune
45. Douroucoulis genus
47. Longest division of geological time
48. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
49. "Town Without Pity" singer
52. A salt or ester of boric acid
55. Dutch for Meuse
56. Codfish genus
58. Scientific workplaces
60. Highest point of something
61. 2 door Lotus model
62. Not what it seems
63. A small amount
64. Ethiopia
65. Transmits genetic information

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1. Defensive nuclear weapon
2. Winglike structures
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4. Macaw genus
5. Digital watch display
6. 100 = 1 yugoslavian dinar
7. A female domestic
8. Female parent
9. 55731 or 89301
11. Brazilian actress Sonia
12. The first event in a series
13. Presented in installments
14. Emotional shock
19. Surface layer of grasses
21. A gangster's girlfriend
24. Gross revenue
25. _____ the elder
26. Extra long staple cotton
27. Chilean pianist Claudio
28. Type of pigeons
29. 12th month
31. #1 down worldwide
32. Venetian nightclub
33. Easy as
38. Blood-sucking African fly
39. British School
40. Change mind
41. Branched
42. Portal
46. Afrikaans
49. Large burrowing rodent of S and C America
50. Metrical unit
51. A university in Connecticut
52. A large wilderness area
53. Himalayan shaggy goat
54. Israeli politician Abba
55. Angry
57. Telegraphic signal
59. Senior officer

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Garrett Gilbert, a self-described "carver of unnatural resources" carved local flora and fauna designs from a steel canoe at the Rails End Gallery.

Danielle Reddick's Bronze Sky Pods sits proudly across from Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

Sculptures seek to tell variety of stories

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is titled 'Soul of a Boy' by artist Carole Chaloupka Burton. The polymer modified gypsum features two carved young boys; "but they're so much more than portraits," said the sculptor. Chaloupka Burton shared that she had a younger brother growing up, and as she watched her gentle and kind brother struggle in a difficult world before losing him when he was in his 20s, she realized the challenges of the cruel world. This fuelled her artistic journey. "I really wanted to think about young, tender children, and how they will reach a point they feel they need to fit into these ideas of masculinity," she said."Art is a way of thinking."

The last sculpture, located outside the Corner Gallery, is titled 'Ma'iingon' by Jared Tait. "It's a traditional style of art," said Tait, noting he was taught by his uncles and dad. Tait belongs to the Lynx clan with roots to Sachigo Lake First Nation and Thunder Bay. His other work is currently on display at the Sculpture Forest. "They are all ground in Indigenous teachings," said Tait. "They come from different creation stories."

The sculptures will be on display throughout the downtown core throughout the duration of the summer. All pieces are available for purchase. For more information, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

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In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance along the shore of **Koshlong Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday the 17th day of June, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Firstly: Part of Lots 11 and 12 shown as Road Allowance on Registered Plan 201, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan of Survey 19R-11092, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. completed July 22, 2024.**

Secondly: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lots 11 & 12 Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on Plan of Survey 19R-11092 made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. completed July 22, 2024** *(Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).*

The Plan of Survey 19R-11092 is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of May, 2025.

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Notice
(Applicant – Pratt)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Stormy Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001*, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Road Allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 14, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-11096 made by **Elliott and Parr, completed October 26th, 2022.**

The Plan of Survey 19R-11092 is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 13th day of May, 2025.

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Notice
Tariff of Fees

Notice is hereby provided that the Council of the County of Haliburton will be reviewing and considering amendments to the Tariff of Fees By-law-4279 at the Council Meeting to be held on May 28, 2025. The agenda for the above noted meeting date can be viewed online at http://haliburton.civicweb.net. Meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m.

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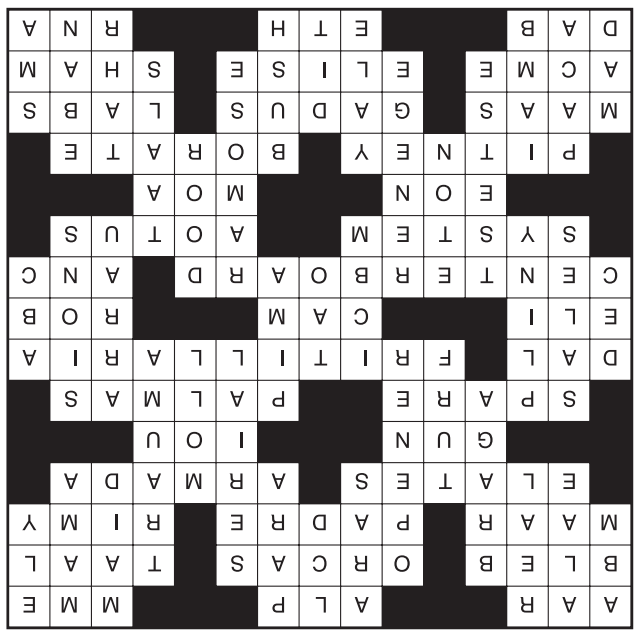

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School held their annual Talent Show last week at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show featured students and teachers hitting the stage to strut their stuff through songs, dance, poetry, and music. The full crowd cheered the participants on, particularly as the recently revived Hal High music class took to the stage for the very first time. /TIM YANO staff photographer

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: May 27, 2025
TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:
The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicants: Norris & Bleasdale
Location: 1341 True North Rd. Part of Cowling Drive (True North Rd.), Plan 447, in Lot 6, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Dudley, defined as Part 1 on Registered Plan 19R- 11094 prepared by Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. Dated Nov 20, 2024

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 13th day of May 2025.

Lana McLeaming
Planning Administrative Clerk

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570 NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is holding its Annual General Meeting **Saturday, May 24, 2024 at 9:30 am** at **The Haliburton Legion.** We'll recap a great season and elect a new of Board of Directors.
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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

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Passed away at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in her 97th year.

Loving mother of Dan (Linda), Tim (Janice), Ginger (Bill Kulas), Frank (Shelly), Bradnee (deceased), (Elisa-deceased) and Jeff (Cathy). Loving grandmother to Jason, Curran, Taylor, Marisa, Madison, Rebecca, Jessica, Tammi, Cassandra, Josh, Nick, Cassie, Billy, Brittney and Ena. Fondly remembered by her many great grandkids, nieces and nephews.

Joan was a camp cook, loved to bake and swim in Twelve Mile Lake. The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful nurses and superb staff at Hyland Crest for their love, care and support for Mom.

As per Joan's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to Hyland Crest Activities (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Elizabeth "Betty" Inglis (nee Davidson)

Peacefully surrounded by her family at Hyland Crest Longterm Care Home , Minden on May 9, 2025. She is fondly remembered by her children, Heather , Fay and Tom (Debbie) , her grandchildren and great grandchildren . She is predeceased by her infant son James , husband Jim and her parents William and Mary Davidson of Auldearn , Scotland . Betty was one of eleven children and is survived and remembered by four of her younger siblings, Doreen , Alison , Laura and George . Betty graduated from Nursing School in 1944 in Inverness , Scotland . She came to Canada as a war bride with her daughter in 1946 and went on to lead a full and happy life with her husband Jim in Haliburton. The family are grateful for Betty's excellent care at Hyland Crest over the past four and a half years. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who were instrumental in allowing her independence to the very end .

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, May 24, 2025 for a Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 p.m. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or a charity of choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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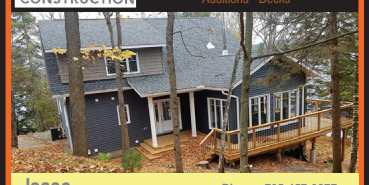

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County unhappy with budget, wants changes

Haliburton County council has registered its unhappiness with the local board of education's 1985 budget, saying it results in an "unreasonable increase" in municipal levies and places "an undue burden" on local taxpayers.

While overall spending in the budget approved last month by the board is up a little over six percent, net levy increases average 19 percent because provincial grants have not kept pace with rising education costs.

To put its concerns on the record, council passed a resolution requesting that the board "reconsider" its decision to place $100,000 in a reserve fund this year. Council will also ask the board what relief it intends to seek from the Ministry of Education.

Stanhope council suggested May 8 that the board appeal to the Ministry for a change in grant calculation policy "to ensure an annual increase in provincial grants to a minimum amount of not less than that inflation factor for the year."

Members of county council intend to meet with the board soon to discuss the problems of rising education costs and falling grant support.

Nordic group will make bid for World Cup

Haliburton's Nordic Trails Association is well underway on its quarter million dollar linked cross country ski trail scheme. By this coming winter more than 200 kilometres of groomed and track set trails are expected to be in place, providing a major boost to the area's winter tourism.

Association president Curtis Eastmure and consultant Mike Exall gave county concil an update on the project last Wednesday. Eastmure said that by the end of August, more than $250,000 will have been spent to create the linked trail system and a 25 kilometre competitive track. Of that amount, $150,000 has come from provincial lottery revenues and the rest from municipalities in the form of labour and machinery.

Eastmure said he will attend the Canadian ski association's annual meeting in St. John, New Brunswick next month in a bid to have a major ski championship scheduled in the county for 1987. A major brewery has indicated an interest in helping to sponsor the event, Eastmure said, and it would attract national and international television coverage.

"That's the kind of publicity that you can't buy," Eastmure said. He said he believes the county stands "an excellent chance" of getting a major event in 1987.

Once the competitive track is in place and becomes known, it will become a focal point not only for international calibre athletes but for serious recreational skiers who want to test their abilities against the times achieved by the elite athletes.

County council agreed to provide Eastmure with a letter of support which he will take to the meeting in New Brunswick.

Doing the Spring Fling...er, Charleston!

The best of the Spring Fling was saved 'til last when everyone had left but the Highland Dixie Band and this father and daughter team who kicked up their heels to do the Charleston in front of the bandshell. Ted Carson and Julie Childs, both from Lochlin, just couldn't keep still at the sounds of Dixieland jazz.

County want study of '85 CAS budget

Haliburton County council has agreed to pay its $2,936 share of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society's 1984 deficit, but it hs done so under protest.

Council made the decision following a presentation by CAS executive director Bob Penney last Wednesday.

Penney told council he believed the CAS "owed (the county) some explanation" of why the 1984 budget was overspent by $220,000 and the 1985 budget is up substantially.

The provincial ministry of community and social services (COMSOC) is expected to fund 90 percent of the deficit, but will not do so until the Counties of Peterborough, Victoria, Haliburton and Peterborough City agree to pick up the remaining 10 percent.

Main reason for the over expenditure was "the number of children coming into care" in 1984, Penney told council. In particular, many of the youngsters needing CAS services had to be placed in group homes, which are costly. The society also had less income than anticipated in 1984, Penney said.

Penney explained that the CAS "is bound by law to provide services defined by the province." The society's board is permitted "no discretion with regard to implimentation" of provincial child care regulations. Because the CAS must respond to every service demand placed on it, "we can't predict at the beginning of a year what our expenditures are going to be," Penney said. "We can manage staff costs, but not the number of kids" or where they must be sent for care.

Half the society's budget is for salaries and benefits of workers who attempt to deal with problems in the community and keep children with their families. About 40 percent of the overall budget "is related to children who come into care," Penney said.

"In 1985 we're saying that the costs of caring for kids are going to rise dramatically."

Penney said this is because only "the most difficult cases" are now being dealt with in group home settings.

The 1985 budget includes provision for hiring more secretarial staff. Penney said the move is justified because it will enable social workers to spend more time in the field and less time preparing the extensive documentation required by COMSOC.

Service demand rose more than 18 percent last year, Penney said.

A growing problem... see page 4

At any one time the Kawartha-Haliburton CAS has 250 cases, of whom 160 are under care. Half that number are Crown wards, meaning that the society is in effect their parents, and meets all costs of caring for them.

In Haliburton County, the CAS handled a total of 58 cases last year, including seven abuse cases which can take "up to a week to investigate," Penney said. In the past month, three new abuse cases have surfaced in the county, he said.

The total cost of looking after county youngsters under CAS jurisdiction last year was $37,500, not including the salary and benefits of the child care worker. That amount is more than the total that Haliburton County council has been assessed for the CAS' 1985 budget, Penney indicated.

Janet Green, president of the Kawartha-Haliburton CAS, said

Please turn to Page 8

The forgotten unemployed: over 25

In the rush to help youths find work, governments do little for older workers

By HAMISH GORDON
Staff Reporter

When 33 year old Bonnie MacAusland of West Guilford isn't working part-time in the local diner or clearing brush, feeding the pigs and plunging her hands into the black rocky soil of her fiave acre lot, she can be found cocooned in her tiny living room doing homework with her two teenage sons.

Although McAusland has been collecting unemployment insurance cheques since last August, she is optimistic about her prospects. Staff at the Sir Sandford Fleming College campus and the Manpower Outreach Centre in Haliburton, who have watched MacAusland and others upgrade their academic standing in recent months, share that optimism.

But all concerned have their fingers crossed for those who want to follow in her footsteps. Lack of federal funds and a high demand elsewhere for academic upgrading in the Peterborough area could force cancellation of the course MacAusland took.

"She was a glowing success and has matured as an employable person. Bonnie won't ever abandon Haliburton (again); she will enhance it," says Bud Kirchner, who teaches and supervises the only academic upgrading program in Haliburton for UIC recipients 18 years or older.

MacAusland is among the exceptional and lucky few Grade 10, 11 and 12 mature students who were fed up with surviving on and complacently accepting UIC benefits along with more than 1000 other seasonally unemployed workers in Haliburton County.

The Age Old Problem

Traditionally, the seasonally employed worker over 25 years of age in Haliburton, who opted out of school too early and into the work force would either accept the UIC benefits, or stare dejectedly at the 20 to 60 skilled and semi-skilled jobs posted on the job board, most of which require at least a grade 10 diploma, says Dennis Casey, project supervisor of Haliburton's Manpower Outreach Centre.

One in five of Casey's clients says "I'm discriminating because of their age" and don't understand that he is fighting a battle against "the system" on behalf of these multitudes.

His battle has been trying to get a fraction of the 700 million federal dollars that are spent on upgrading and retraining programs redirected into Haliburton County. To accomplish that he must gain recognition for the 25 to 45 year old work force (which account for 75%) whom the federal and provincial governments tend to forget about. Meanwhile the 25% of the work force, (16 to 24 year olds) who contribute little to the local economy, are offered a myriad of work opportunity programs and subsidies to the employers if the students are hired.

Of the 90 "odd" jobs available at the Outreach centre this April, 50 were specifically designed to accommodate the 16 to 24 year olds of which only 15 percent were eligible for the youth employment opportunities, Casey says. The remaining 10 percent are unemployable, due to alcohol and drug abuse, bad work and criminal records or just bad attitudes toward work.

The 40 jobs that were up for grabs by anyone, required experience and a grade 10 education.

With the advent of technological changes in the workplace, more and more job orders being received at Casey's office require a minimum of grade 10 education.

To solve the deficiency of education that hinders most of the seasonally unemployed clients, Casey, Bud Kirchner and Barb Bolt director of the Haiburton Sir Sandford Fleming College campus, are embarking on a salvage operation to ensure that the only Basic Training and Skills Development (BTS) program available in Haliburton continues in September.

A recently built cement block warehouse on the Robertson Lake road just off Highway 121 will be converted into a classroom

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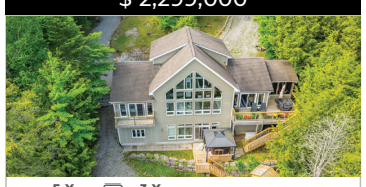

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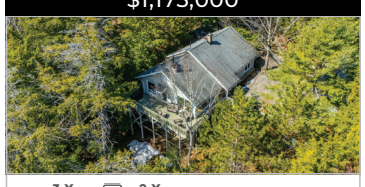

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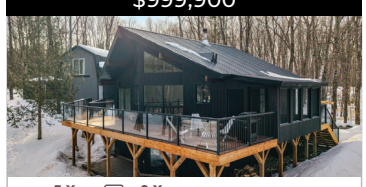

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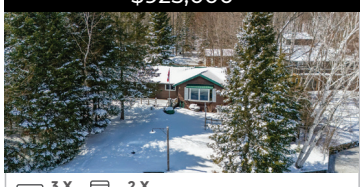

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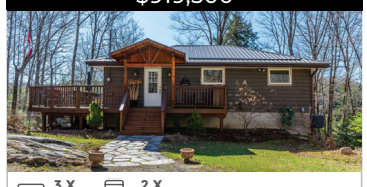

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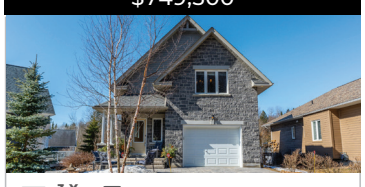

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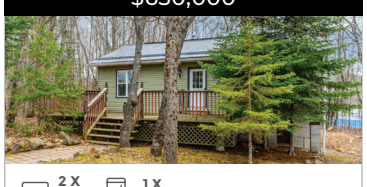

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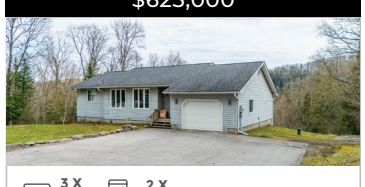

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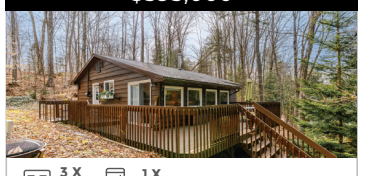

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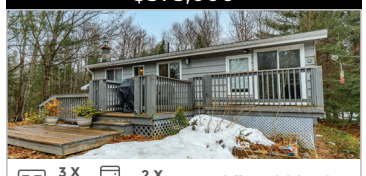

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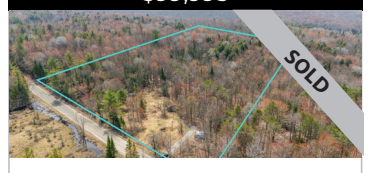

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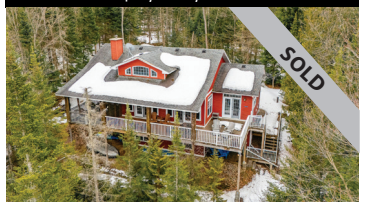

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